

Art Unit: 2616

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Harrity on 3 August 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 34, lines ⁸~~8-9~~, "N transmitted waveforms" has been amended to --N transmitted waveforms, wherein the transmitted waveforms are used at the second network location to detect dropped packets without having access to packet switched network control data--.

- In claim 35, line 3, "receiving at least" has been changed to --receiving, from a first network location, at least--.

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- In claim 35, ^{lines 3-4}~~line 4~~, "network location via the communications channel" has been changed to --network location via a communications channel, wherein the at least one telephonic signal comprises a plurality of waveforms, each of the waveforms including a waveform characteristic operative to assign a predetermined value relative to other waveforms in the at least one telephonic signal--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest transmitting a set of waveforms, each waveform including a waveform